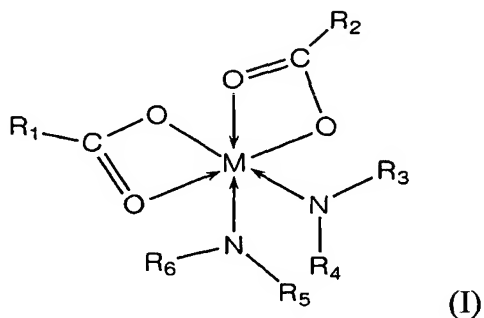


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS :

1. A water-scavenging agent for an organic EL device comprising a compound of formula (I) as a primary component:

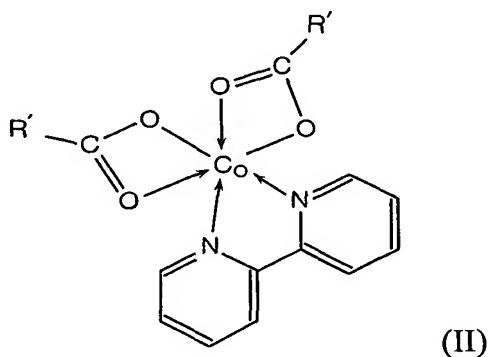


wherein,

R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 and R_6 are each independently hydrogen; halogen; alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl or hetero-ring, optionally substituted with at least one halogen atom, and

- 10 M is a metal having a coordination number of 6.

2. The water-scavenging agent of claim 1 which comprises a compound of formula (II) as a primary component:



- 15 wherein, R' has the same meaning as R_1 to R_6 in claim 1.

3. An organic EL device which comprises a glass substrate plate having an organic luminescent part, a sealing case having a cap to be sealed with said glass

plate to enclose said organic luminescent part and a water-scavenging means installed inside said sealing case, the water-scavenging means containing the water-scavenging agent of claim 1 or 2.

- 5 4. The organic EL device of claim 3, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a layer coated on the inner wall of the sealing case.
5. The organic EL device of claim 3, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a powder held inside the sealing case.